

# BEST AVAILABLE COPY

## REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are rejected. Claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-16, and 19 are amended herein. Claims 26, 27, and 28 are cancelled. No new matter is added as a result of the Claim amendments.

### 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Suzuki (6,529,188), hereinafter referred to as "Suzuki." The Applicants respectfully submit that the embodiments of the present invention recited in Claims 1, 10, and 19 are not taught or suggested by Suzuki. Claim 1 of the present invention recites,

a display device;  
a digitizer comprising a conductive polymer disposed above a digitizing element, said conductive polymer capable of functioning in a non-planar surface; and  
a single-piece three dimensional bezel-less top cover enclosing said electronic device and said digitizer and operable to allow mechanical transfer of external pressure to cause said layer of conductive polymer to contact and activate said digitizing element responsive to said external pressure, wherein a point of contact on said single-piece three dimensional top cover is detected.

Independent Claims 10 and 19 recite similar Claim limitations. The Applicants respectfully submit that Suzuki does not teach or suggest a single piece three dimensional bezel-less top cover, a top cover enclosing an electronic device, or a digitizer comprising a conductive polymer. Instead, the Applicants respectfully submit that Suzuki (e.g., Figures 4 and 12) teaches away from the claim limitations

recited in Claims 1, 10, and 19 of the present invention by showing that the top cover is a planar, or two dimensional, top cover. Furthermore, the Applicants respectfully submit that Suzuki teaches away from the recited claim limitation of a conductive polymer in column 10, lines 48-52 which state (emphasis added):

The upper substrate 4A is constituted such that on a whole inner surface of a soft film made of polyethylene terephthalate (PET) film, the resistance film 11 preferably made of indium tin oxide (ITO) is formed in a planar manner.

The Applicants respectfully submit that a resistance film of indium tin oxide clearly teaches away from the claim limitation recited in Claims 1, 10, and 19 of a digitizer component comprising a conductive polymer. Finally, the Applicants respectfully submit that Suzuki does not teach or suggest a bezel-less top cover which encloses a device, instead, the top cover of Suzuki is disposed above the liquid crystal display. Also, Figure 12 of Suzuki clearly shows a top cover which is neither bezel-less nor enclosing an electronic device. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 1, 10, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) is overcome.

Claims 2-9 depend from Claim 1 and recite additional limitations descriptive of embodiments of the present invention. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 2-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) are also overcome.

Claims 11 and 13-19 depend from Claim 10 and recite additional limitations descriptive of embodiments of the present invention. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 11 and 13-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) are also overcome.

Claims 20-25 depend from Claim 19 and recite additional limitations descriptive of embodiments of the present invention. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of Claims 20-25 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) are also overcome.

#### 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 26-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Conroy et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,686,705), hereinafter referred to as "Conroy." Claims 26-28 are cancelled and the claim limitations recited therein have been incorporated into Claims 1, 10, and 19 respectively. As discussed above, the Applicants respectfully submit that Suzuki fails to teach or suggest a single piece three dimensional bezel-less top cover which encloses an electronic device. The Applicants further submit that Conroy fails to overcome the shortcomings of Suzuki. More specifically, Conroy fails to teach or suggest a single piece three dimensional bezel-less top cover which encloses an electronic device. For example, Figures 4-7 and

11-12 of Conroy clearly show that the processor electronics are not disposed beneath a single piece three dimensional bezel-less top cover which encloses an electronic device. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that a rejection of Claims 1, 10, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is overcome.

## CONCLUSION

Based on the arguments presented above, the Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-11 and 13-25 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, the Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Applicants have reviewed the reference cited but not relied upon. The Applicants did not find the reference to show or suggest the present claimed invention of single piece three dimensional bezel-less top cover which encloses an electronic device: U.S 6,469,267.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,  
WAGNER, MURABITO & HAO LLP

Date: 2/10/2005



Anthony C. Murabito  
Reg. No. 35,295

Two North Market Street  
Third Floor  
San Jose, California 95113  
(408) 938-9060

**This Page is Inserted by IFW Indexing and Scanning  
Operations and is not part of the Official Record**

**BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES**

Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images include but are not limited to the items checked:

- ☐ BLACK BORDERS
- ☐ IMAGE CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- ☐ FADED TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ BLURRED OR ILLEGIBLE TEXT OR DRAWING
- ☐ SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- ☐ COLOR OR BLACK AND WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS
- ☐ GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS
- ☐ LINES OR MARKS ON ORIGINAL DOCUMENT
- ☐ REFERENCE(S) OR EXHIBIT(S) SUBMITTED ARE POOR QUALITY
- ☐ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.**

**As rescanning these documents will not correct the image problems checked, please do not report these problems to the IFW Image Problem Mailbox.**